Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) An aqueous slurry comprising

(a) a crystalline aluminosilicate represented by the empirical formula

~~$M_{2/n}O\text{-}Al_2O_3\text{-}xSiO_2\text{-}yH_2O$~~ $M_{2/n}O\text{-}Al_2O_3\text{-}xSiO_2\text{-}yH_2O$

wherein M represents a first metal moiety, said first metal having a valency of n, ~~x indicates the ratio of atoms of silicon to atoms of aluminium and y indicates the ratio of molecules of water to atoms of aluminium~~ x indicates the ratio of molecules of silica to molecules of alumina and y indicates the ratio of molecules of water to molecules of alumina,

(b) a salt of a second metal selected from the group consisting of Group III metals, metallic elements of Group IV, magnesium, titanium, chromium, iron, nickel, copper, zinc, zirconium and silver, said salt of a second metal being present in an amount which is sufficient to replace from about 2.0 to about 40 per cent by weight of the first metal moiety,and

(c) particulate silica having a BET surface area greater than 500 m^2/g and a pore volume, as measured by nitrogen manometry of less than 2.1 cm^3/g.

2. (Previously Presented) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein M is sodium.

3. (Previously Presented) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the crystalline aluminosilicate is a zeolite P, zeolite A or zeolite X.

4. (Previously Presented) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the second metal is aluminium, zirconium or tin.

5. (Previously Presented) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein it has a pH in the range 6 to 9.

6. (Currently amended) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the crystalline aluminosilicate has a volume average particle size in the range 0.1 to 20 ~~ptm~~ μm.

7. (Previously Presented) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the amount of crystalline aluminosilicate present in the slurry is in the range 20 to 50 per cent by weight calculated as dry aluminosilicate.

8. (Currently amended) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the silica has a BET surface area greater than 600 ~~m/g~~ m^2/g.

9. (Currently amended) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the silica has a pore volume of less than 1.2 ~~cm3/g~~ cm^3/g.

10. (Currently amended) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the silica has a volume average particle size in the range 0.5 to 30 ~~Jim~~ μm.

11. (Previously Presented) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 wherein the amount of silica present in the slurry is in the range 0.2 to 40 per cent by weight with respect to dry weight of crystalline aluminosilicate present.

12. (Previously Presented) An aqueous slurry according to claim 1 in which the metal salt is a halide, a nitrate or a sulphate.